

Amendments to the Specification

Please cancel the amendment previously requested in the Reply mailed

5 September 27, 2002, to the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 14 and ending on page 10, line 18. Please replace that paragraph by the following new paragraph.

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— — The amount of the polymeric thickener preferably used varies with the application.

The polymeric thickener should be used in an amount sufficient to thicken the

10 composition to the desired thickness, for example 0.1 to 12% by weight based on the oil, or 2-10% by weight based on the composition. It is usually unnecessary for the amount of the thickener to be more than 10% by weight based on the weight of the oil. Smaller amounts such as 2 to 7%, based on the weight of the oil in compositions which are free of water, and 0.5 to 5%, based on the weight of the composition in water-in-oil

15 emulsions, are often effective. — —

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